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SUBJECT: UN CONFERENCE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIDO AS A
SPECIALIZED AGENCY - CONTROVERSY ABOUT CONTENTS OF FINAL
REPORT.

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1. MISSION WAS INFORMED BY FRG ON MARCH 29 OF INCLUSION
OF GROUP B WRITTEN AND ORAL PROPOSALS IN DRAFT APPENDIXES
OF REPORT OF CONFERENCE AND, IN SUPPORT OF FRG, ON SAME
DAY WE SUGGESTED INFORMALLY TO SECRETARIAT (SZASZ)
THAT WE WOULD PREFER THEIR NOT BEING INCLUDED, GIVEN
OBJECTIONS OF GROUP B SPOKESMAN MOLTRECHT (FRG) IN PLENA-
RY. SZASZ NOTED OUR VIEWS, BUT OBSERVED THAT (AS RECORD
INDICATES) THAT NO OBJECTION WAS MADE WHEN G-77 SPOKESMAN
HALL (JAMAICA) SUGGESTED INCLUSION, AND THAT, MOREOVER,
IT WOULD BE UNLIKELY SUCH AN OBJECTION COULD BE SUSTAINED,
GIVEN CLEAR PERTINENCE OF MATERIAL.

2. ON MARCH 31 (PRIOR TO RECEIPT REFTEL) FRG MISSION
HERE INFORMED US THAT G-77 IN VIENNA HAVE DISCUSSED THIS
QUESTION MARCH 31, PERHAPS AT INSTIGATION OF MEHTA WHO
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WAS INFORMED OF PROBLEM BY SUY, HEAD OF NEW YORK
SECRETARIAT LEGAL STAFF (WHO HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY DCM
OF FRG MISSION HERE). FRG HOPE IS THAT MEHTA AND/OR
VIENNA-77 WILL BE CONVINCED OF PROBLEM AND IN TURN CONVINCE
THEIR NEW YORK COLLEAGUES TO AGREE TO REVISE THEIR TEXT.
MISSION ASSURED FRG OF ITS WILLINGNESS TO INFORM
USMISSION VIENNA OF THE SITUATION, SO THAT IT COULD FULLY

SUPPORT FRG MISSION AND OTHERS IN EFFORTS TO PERSUADE MEHTA AND 77 IN VIENNA. WE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT ARGUMENT COULD ONLY BE A POLITICAL ONE, BASED ON INOPORTUNE (NOT "ILLEGAL") NATURE OF INCLUSION AND DESIREABILITY OF PROMOTING MUTUAL CONFIDENCE IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. WE FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT IF SUCH ARGUMENTS DO NOT PREVAIL, OUR BEST COURSE IS TO REQUEST OF SECRETARIAT THAT APPENDICES IN WHICH GROUP B PROPOSALS WILL APPEAR BE LABELLED "TEXT SUBMITTED BY THE DELEGATION OF JAMAICA" AND CARRY A NOTE, WITH REFERENCE TO MOLTRECHT'S REMARKS, THAT TEXT DO NOT REPRESENT FORMAL PROPOSALS OF ANY COUNTRY OR GROUP. WE BELIEVE SECRETARIAT WOULD COMPLY WITH SUCH A REQUEST.

3. COMMENT: MISSION FULLY SHARES VIENNA'S VIEW THAT GROUP B PROPOSALS, WHATEVER THEIR STATUS, WILL INDEED INFLUENCE - IF NOT DETERMINE - THE STARTING POINT FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, WE FEEL THAT WHAT HALL DID - ALTHOUGH NOT "ILLEGAL" - WAS CLEARLY CONTRARY TO NEGOTIATING ETHICS AND HENCE PROVOCATIVE. WE BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE THAT G-77 IN VIENNA AS WELL AS NEW YORK BE APPRAISED OF OUR VIEW OF HALL'S STRATAGEM AND ITS POSSIBLE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. WE INTEND TO MAKE THIS POINT TO AMBASSADOR MILLS OF JAMAICA. LEONARD

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